

State Trauma Advisory Committee

May 19, 2014

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Conference Call

Minutes

Attendees

Committee Chair



Robert Mackersie, MD, FACS

Committee Vice-Chair



Joe Barger, MD, FACS

Regional Trauma Coordinating Committees Members



David Shatz, MD



Fred Claridge



James Davis, MD, FACS



Nancy Lapolla, MPH



John Steele, MD, FACS



Rick Kline, MD, FACS

Local EMS Agency Members



Cathy Chidester, RN, MSN



Dan Lynch



Jay Goldman, MD, FACEP

Constituent Members



BJ Bartleson



H. Gill Cryer, MD, PhD



Ramon Johnson, MD, FACEP



Jan Serrano, RN



Robert Dimand, MD



Ken Miller, MD, FACEP



Myron Smith, EMT-P



Lynn Bennink, RN (guest)

At-Large Members



Joe Barger, MD



Chris Newton, MD

State of California – EMS Authority Staff



Daniel R. Smiley



Tom McGinnis, EMT-P



Farid Nasr, MD



Howard Backer, MD, FACEP



Bonnie Sinz, RN

Minutes

A. Introductions All members introduced.
B. Approval of Agenda Agenda approved
C. Approval of Minutes February 24, 2014 Minutes approved as written.
Standing Agenda Items
D. Update of EMS Authority Systems Division – Bonnie EMS staff for trauma program continues with Bonnie as lead and Farid as back-up Discussion: members expressed concern about limited staff support of trauma program with no permanence; BJ concurred with need for infrastructure support; Lynn suggested sending letter of concern to RTCCs for support Action: Bob and Bonnie to draft a letter of concern regarding State's lack of support for trauma program infrastructure including data system; send draft to STAC for review and discuss process with Dr. Backer LEMSA support for CEMSIS-Trauma is slow but continues to improve; new ImageTrend system is working well and adjusting system to support trauma system reports Action: Send draft CEMSIS-Trauma data dictionary to Rick Kline showing proposed system data elements Past Action: EMSA to provide a demonstration of CEMSIS at next face-to-face meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will plan demonstration for September meeting in San Diego Monterey and San Benito counties working towards Trauma Center designation Action: Bonnie to send out electronic copy of “pre-publication” version of new ACS orange book
E. RTCC Updates South West – Nancy Lapolla <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conference calls scheduled every other month Working on: 1) access to care barriers 2) specialty care availability 3) transfers out-of-county 4) working with TQIP on how to evaluate systems including Level IIIs Grand Rounds planned for October 2014 Data evaluation including standardized definitions Tri-county PI (San Louis Obispo, Ventura, Santa Barbara) Discussion on Top Ten trauma regulations issues – needs clearer purpose South East – John Steele <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly conference calls with steering committee and Performance Improvement subcommittee July 30th RTCC Summit planned at Loma Linda; Bob Mackersie to speak Working on 1) re-triage imaging recommendations 2) field c-spine policy Central – Jim Davis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly regional PI Annual seminar with excellent participation Working with San Joaquin EMS to become more involved in RTCC as many of their cases are transferred into Modesto; Jim will be meeting with SJ General's Trauma Director to discuss issues of concern; David Shatz asked to be a member of SJ EMS PI group; Modesto Trauma Centers providing transferred neuro case review to SJ EMS; SJ policy triages “isolated heard trauma” to Level I/II Trauma Centers – Jim is concerned that this falls short of concerns RTCC Project – Develop guidelines for Level III transfers based on new ACS orange book including data review and outcomes

- PI group working on geriatric protocols

Past Action: Dr. Mackersie and Dan Burch to coordinate with Merced County EMS agency for visit with Merced Public Health to discuss trauma system.

- Jim had a positive meeting with the Merced County Chief, Public Health
- Dan Lynch and Jim met with CEO/COO of Mercy Hospital regarding Trauma Center requirements
 - Not all physicians want to take trauma call
 - Commissioned outside study that recommended Mercy be a Trauma Center
 - Trauma Centers in Fresno and Modesto offered assistance
 - 1-3 patients per day transferred from Mercy to Trauma Centers

Bay Area – Rick Kline

- RTCC meets every other month
- Fred Claridge and Rick Kline are new co-chairs
- Data collected to review system performance using state definition of a trauma patient
- Looking at communication gaps between EMS systems and Reddinet for disaster management
- Working with data to evaluate re-triage and IFT
- PI currently retrospective with plans to improve data to be prospective
- Plans to review pediatric falls from windows

North – David Shatz

- Quarterly meetings
- 8/23 Trauma Centers are Level IV facilities
- ACS verification- working towards 100%
- Facial fracture review for transfer – looking into telemedicine options
- New subcommittee formed to work on field care of trauma working with LEMSAs Medical Directors
- Meeting with San Joaquin and Yolo Counties to discuss spinal precautions in the field
- Needle decompression review
- IV access review

Action: Agendize progress on website, STAC project subcommittee and State Plan

Past Action: Members asked that “lessons learned” from case reviews be shared at next STAC meeting

Past Action: Each RTCC to send EMSA regional education opportunities to be posted on EMSA’s website

F. Top Ten Items from the RTCCs to consider when revising trauma regulations

- Check against draft Trauma Plan
- Check against current ACS Orange Book
- Work with current Title 22 and need for revision

G. Trauma – Related Core Measures – Bonnie

- Tabled

H. New Agenda Item – SB 1975

- Bob summarized the bill and its intent and process; working with legislative staff
- BJ working with stakeholders and legislative staff with new draft
- Big issue is not reduce the authority of the LEMSAs
- Any type of RTCC “control” will not be accepted by LEMSAs
- State vs. regional assessment is an option
- Regional review breaks the state into reasonable sections

SB 1621

- Should have reference to trauma center data
- Make sure HIPAA and CA Privacy issues addressed

I. Status of Membership – Farid

- Joe Barger and Chris Newton to be members at-large

J. Next Meeting/Conference Calls

- Bonnie will schedule using Doodle